

To the Honorable House  
of COMMONS,  
ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT.

*The humble Petition of James Pitson, Scout-master-  
generall to the Army late under Command of Sir William Waller.*

HUMBLY SHEWETH;



That your Petitioner hath been in actual service for the Parliament ever since the warres began, and was plundred of most of his estate after *Brainford* fight, and at the first *Newbery* fight, was taken and carried Prisoner to *Oxford*, where he was laid in irons, and endured eleven weekes cruell imprisonment, hardly escaping with his life. For which losses and imprisonment, amounting to above 300.<sup>l.</sup>) he never received one penny. That there is due to him, which he disbursed for Intelligence, 232.<sup>l.</sup> 18.<sup>s.</sup> 10.<sup>d.</sup> most part whereof he borrowed to supply the Service, and is owing to this day. Also there is due to him of his pay upon arreare, 217.<sup>l.</sup> 4.<sup>s.</sup> amounting in all to 450.<sup>l.</sup> 2.<sup>s.</sup> 10.<sup>d.</sup> Which moneys are certified to be due to your Petitioner by the Committee of Accompts for the Kingdom: Besides the said 300.<sup>l.</sup> for losses and imprisonments, and much other money for his former Services not herein expressed.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prayeth, That this Honorable House will be pleased, to order the payment of the said moneys so disbursed out of his purse; together with the said arreares due to him; And that his former services, sufferings and losses, may come into your Honorable remembrance, having borne the brunt and heat of the day, that allowance may be granted to him for the same, as in your Wisdoms shall seeme meet; The better to enable him to undergoe his further Service to the State, wherein he is engaged for *Ireland*, he being very much weakened in his estate in this particular Service, his long attendance and good affection to the Parliament, as he can further manifest.

*And he (as in duty bound) shall pray, &c.*

I beseech your Honours to pardon my boldnesse in printiug, because I have waited these two yeares for my money out of purse, and have spent as much in waiting as the money is worth, and have had nothing to live on these twelve moneths whereby to maintaine my selfe and family, but what I have borrowed, and am now speedily to goe for *Ireland*, and have nothing to leave my family in my absence.